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AMENDMENT B

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450**

Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Patent Office Action, mailed on June 6, 2003 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 - 67 in view of the following claim amendments and remarks.

Application No.09/612,407
Amendment dated October 17, 2003
Reply to Office Action of June 6, 2003

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.